

SPIRAL

JANUARY 2024

REGISTRATION NIGHT—SATURDAY 27 JANUARY 6—7PM

Pay your membership fee on or before 27th Jan and skate for **FREE!**

(Skate hire if required \$4)

2024 Membership Fees: Individual \$35 Family \$50

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CanterburyMastersFigureSkatingClub/CMFSC2024MembershipForm>

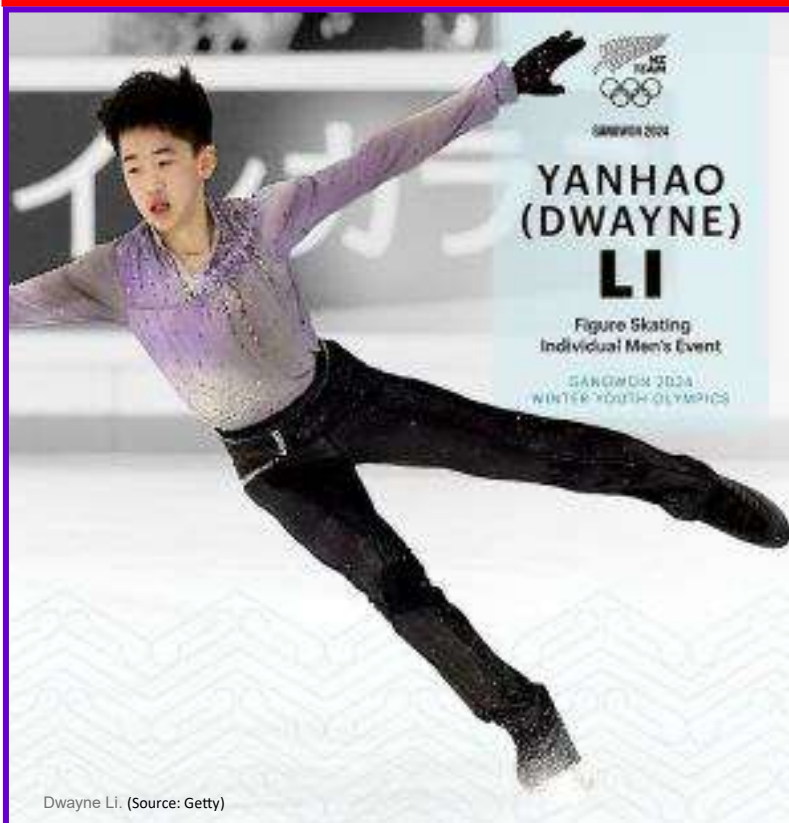
Hello everyone,

We hope you have all had a good break over the Christmas-New Year period, spending time with friends and family here at home or if your were lucky enough to be away, somewhere nice on holiday. If you haven't already done so before now, what better time is it to get back into skating for 2024 by coming along to our Registration night on 27 Jan. We look forward to seeing you there! As ice time costs have increased, this has meant we too have increased our membership fees, however I do believe our membership fees are one of the lowest in the country (if not the lowest), and represent excellent value for our members. We strive to offer low cost fees to individuals and families to skate at our sessions, and also keep our competition entry fees affordable.

Many of our skaters will be off to Dunedin to compete in the NZ Masters Games—Anzas Skating Competition on 3 & 4 February, so we wish them all the best for their events and look forward to seeing some pictures in our March newsletter. We are awaiting details from Alpine as to when Coffee Club will get underway again and will get this information out to you as soon as we know.

Every individual &/or family renewing or joining as new members are required to complete a membership application every year due to the legislation in the Privacy Act 2020. This also include "Friends of CMFSC" membership category.

Meantime make sure you keep checking our website www.cmfsc.co.nz for up to date information that you need to know.



Dwayne Li. (Source: Getty)

Congratulations to Dwayne, member of the Allegro Ice Dance Club in Auckland. Yanhao (Dwayne) Li has made history, becoming the first ever New Zealand ice figure skater to be selected for the Winter Youth Olympic Games. This is such a huge achievement for Dwayne & New Zealand Ice Figure Skating. The Auckland based 15-year-old has been named to the New Zealand Team for the Gangwon (South Korea) 2024 Winter Youth Olympic Games and will be one of just 18-male figure skaters to compete in the individual men's event. Competition starts 25—30 January. Dwayne will be accompanied by his long time NZ Coach Bess Cao.

This follows a successful ISU Junior Grand Prix Season where Dwayne again became the first NZ skater to ever Medal at an ISU Junior Grand Prix, taking the Bronze in Bangkok, Thailand and placing 5th in Osaka, Japan.

Pictured Dwayne & Bess in the Kiss & Cry after Dwayne's Freeski in Bangkok, with two competitors still to skate. He placed 3rd and won the Bronze Medal.



Flashback - "Spectrum" Synchronised Ice Skating Team
4th Place in the Australian Championships 2008

2008 Australian Figure Skating Championships - Brisbane



Happy 16th birthday Namiko!! Celebrated on 19th January.

Look at the photo above and you will see club member Namiko at just 9 months old sitting on Mum, Kanako's knee. On R hand side is 5 month old Marcus sitting on Mum, Linda's knee. These two "babies" were our team mascots decked out in matching costumes. Marcus was featured in the August 2023 Issue of Spiral. (view this on our website www.cmfsc.co.nz)



following her dance dreams...

L.A. Trip 2023 - Namiko Johnson

In September of 2023, I travelled to Los Angeles for two weeks to pursue my dance dreams. During these two weeks, I took a glimpse into the city's dance industry alongside 20 other students from the Burnside High School Dance Team who share the same passion for dance as me. I attended professional classes with world renowned choreographers and learnt a variety of different styles, including jazz, hip-hop, contemporary, musical theatre, and more. The highlight of my trip was the exhilarating experience of performing at both Disneyland and Universal

Studios. Beyond dance, I explored the busy streets of L.A. with my peers - trying new foods, meeting new people, and of course lots and lots of shopping. My trip to L.A. was a life changing experience where I not only was able to gain skills and experience in dance, but it also changed my outlook on life and showed me so many potential opportunities I can chase in my future. Thank you so much to everyone who supported me and allowed me to have this experience!



In December Club Members had a visit to the Hot Pools by the Sea.

Pictured here L to R—Sabina, Yoko, Linda, Jeanne, Kanako, Aleks & June enjoying a lovely evening swim. Eleanor & Marina joined us later.

from cooling off in the hot pools to singing in the Choir

Pictured below members of the Japanese Choir performing at the Palms Mall Shirley, in December. Our Club Members Atsuko, Michiko & Yukiyo (reindeer) are members of this choir and featured in this article in the Star News.

Noticeboard



CMFSC Annual General Meeting
7pm Tuesday 5th March

St Martins Presbyterian Church Hall
43 St Martins Road, Christchurch

Maybe you interested in joining our committee, please let us know.

Watch International skating events
Subscribe (Free) to ISU You tube TV Channel
<https://www.youtube.com/@SkatingISU>

Alpine Ice is closed Monday 29 January - Thursday 1 for annual maintenance.



Atsuko

The Canterbury Japanese Choir proved a big hit with shoppers. Photo: Geoff Sloan

Good Luck to our **Club members** competing at the Anzas Figure Skating event NZ Masters Games in Dunedin 3 & 4 Feb



Team Illusion Synchro

- Jill Borland-Ritchie
- Pollyane Carvalho
- Kirsty Cox
- William Grant
- Jennie Hood
- Jeanette King
- Alison McDowell
- Sue Mein
- Isaak Mischefski
- Grant Ritchie
- Liz Sarjeant
- Linda White

Individual Events

- Alastair Christie
- Kirsty Cox
- John Gilmour
- Jeanette King
- Alison McDowell
- Liz Sarjeant
- Karen Tonkin
- Linda White



You can read the article and watch the Video on the link below:

<https://www.odt.co.nz/star-news/star-south-today/japanese-carollers-delight-mall-shoppers>



Do you have story to tell that Club members may be interested in?

If you do, then get in touch with Jeanne via jeannebg111@gmail.com

Pictured left in 2008 is Kanako with baby Namiko at 9 months old. Kanako was a Founder member of the Club in 2004 then husband Peter joined together in 2005 as a Family membership. Namiko & Kaori were added to this membership the year each of them were born. Namiko features on Page 2.

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